

Enclosure in No. 15.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

Accepted Tenders for Rails for Canterbury Railways.

1. Northern Railway.—670 tons, 70 lbs., double-headed. £7 6s., per ton. Hopkins, Gilkes, and Company, June, 1871.
2. Great Southern Railway.—1,144 tons, 56 lbs., flange. £7 10s. per ton. Hopkins, Gilkes, and Company, June, 1871.
- October, 1871.

*Tenders accepted for Supply of 40-lb. Rails for Dunedin and Clutha Railway.***Darlington Iron Company—**

October, 1871.—1st order, 400 tons, @ £8 7s. 6d., free on board, London.

December, 1871.—2nd order, 750 tons, @ £8 17s. 6d., free on board, London.

The Llynvi Coal and Iron Company.—March, 1872. 3,080 tons, @ £10 16s. 3d., free on board, London. December, 1871.

*Tenders received for the Supply of 420 Tons Steel-topped and 3,080 Tons Iron Rails.***The Aberdare Iron Company—**

Price for 3,080 tons, free on board at Cardiff, £10 14s. per ton. Strikes excepted.

" 420 " " " £11 11s. " " "

Delivery—300 tons in March.

" 700 tons, end of August.

" 2,080 tons, December, 1872, and January, 1873, or earlier if possible.

The Llynvi Coal and Iron Company—

Price for 3,080 tons, free on board, London, £10 16s. 3d. per ton.

" 420 tons, cannot tender.

Delivery—500 tons in March; balance to suit convenience of purchaser.

The Ebbw Vale Steel, Iron, and Coal Company—

Price for 3,080 tons, free on board, Newport, £10 15s. per ton.

" 420 tons, cannot tender.

Delivery—None before July; but 500 tons per month from that date.

Messrs. Hopper, Radcliffe, and Company—

Price for 3,080 tons, free on board, London, £10 17s. 6d. per ton.

On condition, that the flange of the rail be reduced to 3 inch or 3¼ inch.

Delivery—500 tons per month.

List of Firms invited by Messrs. John Brogden and Sons to Tender for the Supply of 420 Tons Steel-topped and 3,080 Tons Iron Rails.

The Aberdare Iron Company.
 The Governor and Company of Copper Mines in England.
 The Nautygle and Blaina Iron Company.
 The Dowlais Iron Company.
 The Blaenavon Iron Company.
 The Llynvi Coal and Iron Company.
 The New British Iron Company.
 Messrs. Hopkins, Gilkes, and Company.
 The Rhymney Iron Company.
 Mr. Robert Crawshay.
 The Ebbw Vale Steel, Iron, and Coal Company.
 The Darlington Iron Company.
 The Bolchow Vaughan Company, Limited.
 The Consett Iron Company.
 Messrs. Whitwell and Company.

February, 1872.

No. 16.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(No. 188.)

7, Westminster Chambers, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.,
 22nd March, 1872.

SIR,—

I had the honor to report, in my letter of the 8th ultimo (No. 135), the arrival of Mr. Friberg, commissioned by you to select emigrants in Scandinavia.

It is unfortunate that this appointment was made, and that he had left New Zealand prior to your being informed of the arrangements I had already entered into for Scandinavian emigration, for it seems very doubtful whether I shall be able to avail myself of his services.

By the laws of Norway it is enacted,—

"1. No person can engage as agent for forwarding emigrants from the kingdom to any foreign part of the world without having permission for so doing from the Chief of Police at the place where he has his principal office, or whence his operations otherwise emanate.

"2. Before such permission is granted, the party concerned must have given security, subject to the decision of the Chief of Police, for at least 2,000 (£450) and up to 7,000 specie dollars (£1,575), either by approved personal security or by the deposition of value.

"3. In determining the amount, regard shall especially be had to whether the business includes forwarding beyond the place of debarkation in the foreign part of the world; in which case the amount